the Sheetrock walls in first period. What a boring class! He taps his foot on the floor until the bell rings and it's time to go to the next class. He makes a quick stop in the restroom.

Up in the skyscraper downtown, Sara begins her work as a receptionist for a large law firm. She answers the telephone all day. Between calls, she uses a pencil to make a list of things to do. One of the first items on her list is to send out a few invoices, which are backed with self-contained carbon paper. There are also some items to be ordered for the office. She picks up a catalog, begins leafing through it and notices the slick feel of the fine glossy paper.

Meanwhile at Computer Systems, Brad is busy at his computer designing new software. The morning has passed quickly and it's time for a break. He adds a packet of sugar to his third cup of coffee and decides to heat up a cinnamon roll, which he places in a microwave-safe container. While on break, Brad's thoughts rove toward the weekend ahead and the recreational activities he'd like to pursue. These include golfing, playing tennis, fishing and water skiing.

Then Brad remembers that his son Jason said something about a camping trip the other day. Wasn't Jason looking in the garage last night for his aluminum-frame backpack and pots and pans? He'll probably need the old gas lantern, too.

It seems like Sara said she might head for the community swimming pool for a few hours of splashing around. That will leave plenty of time to go golfing with the guys. Quit daydreaming Brad, it's back to work for you!

After a hard day at the office and school, the family arrives back home. Jason helps set the table and makes sure there is plenty of salt. (He likes salt on everything.) Everyone drinks lots of water with the meal because it's a spicy Mexican dish. Sara notices she put too much vegetable oil in the salad dressing. The lettuce tastes a little slimy. Brad chews on a few antacid tablets while Sara resorts to Milk of Magnesia. Jason's preferred cure is Kaopectate for relief of his upset stomach. His mom likes to experiment with new foods, but this meal's a loser!

After dinner, Brad and Sara spend a few moments relaxing in the backyard where they admire their landscaping efforts. Sara notices that the plaster of Paris birdbath on the back lawn is getting many visitors.

Jason does some homework, takes in a little television and gets ready for bed. They all turn in early so they'll be ready for the big weekend ahead.